

**REMARKS**

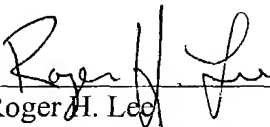
Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, claims 1-8, 10, 12 and 14 have been canceled. Claims 16 and 21 have been amended to be in independent form.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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